

### Remarks

In the subject action, claims 1-9 were allowed. Claims 10-11 were rejected, and claim 12 was objected, but is allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 13-25 were non-elected.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-9.

With respect to claim 10-11, notwithstanding the Applicants' disagreement with the Examiner's analysis, in the interest of bringing prosecution to an expeditious conclusion, Applicants have cancelled claims 10-11 without prejudice.

Objected to claim 12, rewritten in independent form, is now also allowable.

Lastly, non-elected claims 13-25 have been cancelled without prejudice.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, claims 1-9 and 12 are in condition for allowance. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,  
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